



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

Aberdeen-Pate Water Co. Inc.
STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT DW05 13 69 01
Paint storage tank; install security fencing around storage tanks

Date: August 30, 2007

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund Loan Program (SRF) has determined that these projects will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

How were environmental issues considered?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an EA or an EIS.

Why is additional environmental review not required?

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

How do I submit comments?

Any comments can be submitted to:

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **Aberdeen-Pate Water Company, Inc.**
P. O. Box 144
East Enterprise, IN 47019

SRF Loan Number: DW 05 13 69 01

Authorized Representative: Paul Banta, President

II. PROJECT LOCATION:

The projects will be implemented at the following locations:

1. Aberdeen 300,000 gallon elevated tank--security fencing: **Ohio Co.**; Cass Township; Section 22, T3N, R2W; Aberdeen quadrangle; see Figure 1;
2. Cross Plains 200,000 gallon elevated storage tank--security fencing: **Ripley Co.**; Brown Township; Section 17, T6N, R12E, Cross Plains quadrangle; see Figure 2;
3. Farmers Retreat Tank 100,000 gallon elevated storage tank--painting and security fencing: **Dearborn Co.**; Caesar Creek Township; Section 33, T5N, R3W, Bear Branch quadrangle; see Figure 3.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE:

The 100,000 gallon Farmers Retreat elevated water storage tank was constructed in approximately 1981. This elevated water storage tank currently needs to be painted. Some safety improvements are also desirable in order to update the tank to current OSHA requirements.

Water system security has become increasingly important in recent years. Three of the water company's tanks do not have perimeter security fencing. The proposed fences will be a minimum of 6-feet tall.

IV. PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING:

The Aberdeen-Pate Water Company closed a loan with the State Revolving Fund Loan Program (SRF) for \$1,380,000 on April 25, 2006. The approved project is substantially complete, and the utility has approximately \$340,000 in remaining funds. The construction cost for these projects is estimated to be \$101,000; some non-construction costs (legal, administrative, etc.) will also be incurred.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES:

The work will occur on an existing structure and on sites significantly disturbed by construction of the water tanks; there will be no substantive negative environmental impacts. Any audible or visual impacts to historic structural resources will be temporary. The projects will not affect historic sites or structures (see figures 4-6). SRF's finding pursuant to Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected."

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A properly noticed Public Hearing was held on July 21, 2005 at 7:30 pm at 7158 Salem Ridge Road, Aurora, Indiana, to discuss the projects in the company's Preliminary Engineering Report (PER), which were approved for SRF funding on March 3, 2006. Positive comments in support of those projects were voiced. The utility did not receive written comments in the ten day period following the Hearing. The projects described in this CE have been developed since the 2006 PER approval, but the utility will not have to borrow more money to implement them.